That Lish Whitson was the person who went to Tampa and from there mailed to the King family the FBI lab's tape supposedly of selections from its eavesdropping on King, the intent being to persuade King to kill himself, was disclosed in the disclosed records of the DJ's Office of Professional responsibility internal investigation of what the FBI had done to King. OPR's notes identify Whitson as a retired FBI SA. That could be taken to mean that although retired he did this chore for the FBI or that he was working for it when he undertook the chore and retired before OPR's inquiry. Whitson's obituary in the Washington Post of 6/25/90 makes it clear that Whitson was still working for the FBI when he did it.

With the tape he also mailed an anonymous letter having the same purpose.